

or hereafter appropriated for the improvement of rivers and harbors to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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February 14, 1927.
[S. 5197.]
[Public, No. 620.]

CHAP. 138.—An Act To authorize an appropriation for reconnaissance work in conjunction with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to determine whether certain lands of the Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, and Isleta Indians are susceptible of reclamation, drainage, and irrigation.

Middle Rio Grande
Conservancy District,
N. Mex.
Surveys, etc., to de-
termine if lands of
Cochiti, etc., Indians
on, can be irrigated, etc.

Cooperation with
Conservancy District.

Provisos.
Engineer for the de-
partment to be desig-
nated.

Reimbursement from
Indian lands.

Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide for reconnaissance work on the lands of the Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, and Isleta Indians, or so much thereof as may be susceptible of irrigation, lying within the exterior boundaries of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, but not subject to district assessments, and to enable the Secretary of the Interior to provide for surveys, examinations, and the preparation of plans and specifications, for the reclamation, drainage, and irrigation of said lands and conservation of waters appurtenant thereto, in cooperation with said Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, said money to be paid from time to time as said work proceeds, such payments, including the salary and expenses of the engineer hereinafter referred to, to be made in proportion to the expenditures heretofore or hereafter made by the district in the ratio that the area of the Indian lands bears to the other lands to be benefited, such expenditures to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and to be made under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That said Secretary, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, shall designate an engineer, who shall represent the department in the preparation of said plans and report thereon, and whose salary and expenses shall be paid out of the funds herein authorized to be appropriated: *Provided further*, That and said sum or any part thereof that may be expended for this reconnaissance work shall be reimbursable by said Indian lands if and when the participation by the United States in construction of said project is approved by the United States, such reimbursement to be in accordance with the terms of the Act of Congress approving such participation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall report to Congress the results of said reconnaissance work and his recommendations thereon.

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February 14, 1927.
[H. R. 15537.]
[Public, No. 621.]

CHAP. 139.—An Act To amend section 476 and section 4934 of the Revised Statutes.

Patent Office.

Officers and em-
ployees.
R. S., sec. 476, p. 80,
amended.
Vol. 38, p. 8, amend-
ed.
Duties of assistant
commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 476 of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent Office a Commissioner of Patents, one first assistant commissioner, one assistant commissioner, and six examiners in chief, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first assistant commissioner and the assistant commissioner shall perform such